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SUBJECT: CSCE: FRG PROPOSAL FOR EAST-WEST ECONOMIC CENTER

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1. WE DOUBT FRG PROPOSAL WOULD BE RECEIVED WITH
ENTHUSIASM EITHER BY WESTERN OR EASTERN GROUPS AT CSCE.

2. NATO DELEGATIONS NOW APPROACHING POINT OF DECIDING
ON SPECIFIC MEASURES TO PROPOSE TO EAST IN ECONOMIC
COOPERATION FIELD. CREATION OF SPECIALIZED INFORMATION
CENTER IS AMONG THESE POSSIBILITIES. ECE HAS ACQUIRED
REPUTATION FOR SOME EXPERTISE IN THIS FIELD. ADDED TO
THIS IS ITS NEUTRAL CHARACTER AND FACT THAT DESIGNATION
OF ECE TO TAKE ON THIS RESPONSIBILITY WOULD NOT INVOLVE
CREATION OF NEW AGENCY. SEEMS DOUBTFUL OTHER WESTERN
DELEGATES WOULD REGARD ADVANTAGES OF A BERLIN CENTER AS
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OUTWEIGHING THESE CONSIDERATIONS.

3. WEST HAS IN RECENT DAYS BEEN URGING IN CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE 4 AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES, IMPROVED CONDITIONS FOR PROJECTS, ETC. THESE POINTS HAVE BEEN RAISED LESS OUT OF CONVICTION OF THEIR PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE IN ENCOURAGING COOPERATION THAN IN ORDER TO BE IN TACTICAL POSITION OF PRESSING EAST FOR CONCESSIONS.

4. EASTERN COUNTRIES HAVE RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO WESTERN ARGUMENTS. THEY HAVE ADVOCATED EXCHANGE OF INFO IN BILATERAL CHANNELS, I.E. JOINT COMMISSIONS, DESIGNATED AGENCIES IN THEIR CAPITALS SUCH AS CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND DIRECT CONTACTS WITH FIRMS. MOST WE THINK CAN BE EXPECTED FROM EAST IS ACQUIESCENCE IN UPGRADING ECE ROLE IN INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION. EAST LIKELY TO REACT POORLY TO ANY PROPOSAL FOR AN AGENCY WHICH HAD AMONG ITS TASKS ADVICE ON SUITABLE FORMS OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPING GENERAL CONCEPTS CONCERNING COOPERATION. EASTERN NATIONS HAVE OBJECTED TO EFFORTS AT DEFINING INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AS TIME-WASTING EXERCISE AND TO DEVELOPING STANDARD FORMS ON PRACTICAL GROUNDS THAT EACH PROJECT AGREEMENT MUST BE NEGOTIATED AD HOC IN CONSONANCE WITH INTERESTS OF THE PARTNERS.
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